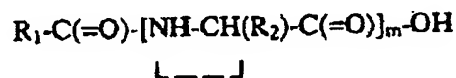


This listing of claims will replace the originally filed claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 – 9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (new): A method of utilizing a composition as a slimming agent in a formulation containing a cosmetically acceptable medium, wherein said composition is represented by formula (I):



wherein R₁ comprises at least one a linear, branched, saturated or unsaturated, aliphatic hydrocarbon radical comprising 11 carbon atoms,
wherein R₂ comprises an amino acid chain, and
wherein m is in the range of from about 1 to about 50.

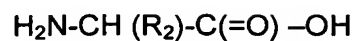
Claim 11 (new): The method according to claim 10, wherein said formula (I) is in at least one form selected from the group consisting of:

- a) free acid,
- b) partially salified, and
- c) completely salified.

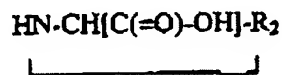
Claim 12 (new): The method according to claim 11, wherein said salified formula (I) is produced using at least one salt selected from the group consisting of:

- a) alkali metal salts,
- b) alkaline-earth metal salts,
- c) ammonium salts,
- d) salts of amino alcohols,
- e) divalent metal salts, and
- f) trivalent metal salts.

Claim 13 (new): The method according to claim 10, wherein the amino acid of said amino acid chain is represented by formula (IIIa):



Claim 14 (new): The method according to claim 10, wherein the amino acid of said amino acid chain is represented by formula (IIIb):



Claim 15 (new): The method according to claim 10, wherein said amino acid chain comprises an N-cocoyl amino acid.

Claim 16 (new): The method according to claim 10, wherein said R_2 comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

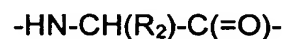
- a) glycine,
- b) alanine,
- c) serine,
- d) aspartic acid,
- e) glutamic acid,
- f) valine,
- g) threonine,
- h) arginine,
- i) lysine,
- j) proline,
- k) leucine,
- l) phenylalanine,
- m) isoleucine,
- n) histidine,
- o) tyrosine,
- p) tryptophan,
- q) asparagine,
- r) glutamine,
- s) cysteine,
- t) cystine,
- u) methionine,

- v) hydroxyproline,
- w) hydroxylysine,
- x) sarcosine, and
- y) ornithine.

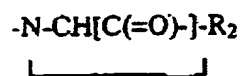
Claim 17 (new): The method according to claim 16, wherein said R_2 comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) glycine,
- b) alanine,
- c) aspartic acid,
- d) glutamic acid, and
- e) sarcosine.

Claim 18 (new): The method according to claim 10, wherein the amino acid of said amino acid chain is represented by formula (IIIa):



Claim 19 (new): The method according to claim 10, wherein the amino acid of said amino acid chain is represented by formula (IIIb)



Claim 20 (new): The method according to claim 10, wherein said m is in the range of from about 1 to about 10.

Claim 21 (new): The method according to claim 20, wherein said m is less than about 5.

Claim 22 (new): The method according to claim 21, wherein said m is less than or equal to about 2.

Claim 23 (new): The method according to claim 22, wherein said m is less than or equal to about 1.4.

Claim 24 (new): The method according to claim 23, wherein said m is equal to about 1.

Claim 25 (new): The method of applying the composition according to claim 10, wherein said composition is introduced into a formulation and said formulation is administered by at least one method selected from the group consisting of:

- a) topically,
- b) orally, and
- c) parenterally.

Claim 26 (new): The method according to claim 25, wherein said composition is present in said formulation in the range of from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight.

Claim 27 (new): The method according to claim 26, wherein said range is from about 0.1% to about 5%.

Claim 28 (new): The method according to claim 27, wherein said range is from about 1% to about 5%.

Claim 29 (new): The method according to claim 25, wherein said formulation administered is in at least one form selected from the group consisting of:

- a) dilute aqueous,
- b) aqueous-alcoholic,
- c) simple emulsion, and
- d) multiple emulsion.

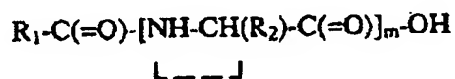
Claim 30 (new): The method according to claim 10, wherein said composition may be dispersed or impregnated onto textile or nonwoven materials.

Claim 31 (new): The method according to claim 25, wherein said composition is added to at least one formulation selected from the group consisting of:

- a) fatty substances,
- b) organic solvents,
- c) thickeners,
- d) gelling agents,
- e) emollients,
- f) antioxidants,
- g) opacifiers,
- h) stabilizers,
- i) foaming agents,
- j) perfumes,
- k) emulsifiers,
- l) fillers,
- m) sequestrants,
- n) chelators,
- o) preservatives.
- p) chemical screening agents,
- q) inorganic screening agents,
- r) essential oils,
- s) colouring matter,
- t) pigments,
- u) hydrophilic,
- v) lipophilic active agents, and
- w) humectants.

Claim 32 (new): A method for preparing a formulation intended for slimming the human body comprising the step of:

- i) introducing into a cosmetically acceptable medium, a composition represented by formula (I):



- wherein R₁ comprises at least one a linear, branched, saturated or unsaturated, aliphatic hydrocarbon radical comprising 11 carbon atoms, wherein R₂ comprises an amino acid chain, and wherein m is in the range of from about 1 to about 50, and
- (ii) producing said formulation.

Claim 33 (new): The method according to claim 32, wherein said formula (I) is obtained by conducting a partial or total hydrolysis of a protein.

Claim 34 (new): The method according to claim 33, wherein said protein is selected from the group comprising:

- a) collagen,
- b) elastin,
- c) fish flesh protein,
- d) fish gelatin,
- e) keratin,
- f) casein,
- g) cereal,
- h) flower,
- i) fruit proteins,
- j) soya bean,
- k) sunflower,
- l) oats,
- m) wheat,
- n) maize,
- o) barley,
- p) potato,
- q) lupin,
- r) field bean,
- s) sweet almond,
- t) kiwi,
- u) mango,
- v) apple;
- w) chorella (unicellular algae),

- x) pink algae,
- y) yeasts, and
- z) silk.

Claim 35 (new): The method according to claim 33, wherein said hydrolysis occurs at an operating temperature in the range of from about 60°C to about 130°C.

Claim 36 (new): The method according to claim 33, wherein said hydrolysis is carried out enzymatically with a protease.

Claim 37 (new): The method according to claim 33, wherein said hydrolysis is coupled with a post-alkaline or a post-acid hydrolysis.